

From Fr. Mike's Desk

When we look into *the Baltimore Catechism* (of happy memory) we learn that God is a spirit who is infinitely perfect (meaning that all perfection is within God, He lacks nothing). We also learn that God has no beginning and no end, God has always been and always will be. God is everywhere and while we cannot see God, God sees and watches over us. God knows all things and is self-existing; meaning God owes His existence to no other being. God is all good, all loving and omnipresent. The Catechism teaches that there is only one God and this is true because God being supreme and infinite, cannot have an equal. However, God does exist in Three Divine Persons. The Divine Persons are distinct yet equal in all things, and we know them as The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. All three Persons are God, sharing the same Divine Nature, but are distinct from each other. The Father is the first person, but the Father is not the Son or the Holy Spirit, and neither is the Son the Spirit or the Father and neither is the Spirit the Son or the Father. Nonetheless, remember all are equal in Divinity and power. I hope this is all perfectly clear! As the Catechism states, *"We cannot fully understand how the Three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God because this is a supernatural mystery. A supernatural mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand, but which we firmly believe because we have God's word for it."* Will we ever understand the mystery? The answer is no, but when we see God face to face, we will have a better understanding than we do now! Is it important for us to know that God exists as one God in Three Divine Persons? Well yes, because this is how God who is our creator exists and, since we are made in His image and likeness, it tells us more about the mystery that is humanity!

What our readings tell us today, is that from the time of the Old Testament to the Epistles to the Gospel that God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) has always been at work and concerned about our salvation. God's plan in creating humanity was to share who He is with us. We are the creatures who He could relate to, and who could relate back. God desired always to become one with us and become one of us through the Incarnation of the Son of God, and through the sending of the Holy Spirit. This is what we celebrate on this Trinity Sunday and next week we celebrate another great

mystery of our faith, Jesus being present in the Blessed Sacrament. **To mark that great mystery, (weather permitting) we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 11:30 Mass.** This is a traditional way to remember this Holy Day and a way to show the world our complete devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We close with a prayer to the Blessed Trinity. Most Holy Trinity, indivisible Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our first begging and our last end. You have made us in accord with your own image and likeness. Grant that all the thoughts of our minds, all the words of our tongues, all of the affections of our hearts, and all the actions of our being may always conform to your holy will. Thus, after we have seen you here below in creation and in an incomplete manner, that by the newness of faith, may we come at last to contemplate you face -to-face forever in heaven.

God bless you always, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

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